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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visit to the Office of Scientific Intelligence

1. On 20 November I had a short meeting with the AD, DAD and two staff members of OSI. They pointed out that JAEIC was the only interagency scientific intelligence committee with a proper charter and effective working procedures. GMIC was limited to the research development and production of guided missiles and could consider neither the operational aspects of guided missiles nor the full scope of collection activity required. The Scientific Estimates Committee was described as "moribund." They hope that it would be possible to write new DCID's, which would improve this situation, but they felt that in view of the Services' interest in military gadgetry, they would be reluctant to allow OSI or any interagency body to have greater freedom of movement in the scientific field.

2. They briefed me on some of the exotic collection techniques that are being developed and pointed out that the lack of organization of these activities was causing a serious problem, since there were no uniform procedures for getting the information collected into the analytical portion of the intelligence community.

3. I had to leave the meeting early and will have to go back for further discussions concerning other activities of OSI.

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